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Date: Thu, 6 Nov 1997 07:26:12 -0400

From: "Brian Carling" <bry@mnsinc.com>

Subject: Re: QTH needed

On 5 Nov 97 at 3:22, Sandy wrote:

> I am hunting for an old ham buddy from years back. If someone has  
> any old callbooks circa 1960's, 1970's, I need the full name and address for:  
>  
> W5TOF  
>  
> 73,  
> E. V. Sandy Blaize, W5TVW

Easy Sandy - you should be able to look him up via the QTH lookup services available on the web.

I have a number of them listed as links from:

<http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/hamlynx/hamqsl.htm>

I hope that helps you find him!

Bry

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\*\*\* 73 from Radio AF4K/G3XLQ Gaithersburg, MD USA \*  
\*\* E-mail to: bry@mnsinc.com \*  
\*\*\* ICQ: 3910641 \*\*\*  
\*\* <http://www.mnsinc.com/bry/> \*  
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AM International #1024, TENTEN #13582. GRID FM19. Using a SWAN 250 on 6m,  
Other rigs: Valiant, DX-60/HG-10, FT-840, TM-261, Ameco TX-62, Gonset Communicator III  
HTX-202...TEN-TEN #13582, DXCC #17,763 Bicentennial WAS

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Date: Thu, 6 Nov 1997 09:21:01 -0500 (EST)

From: "James C. Owen, III" <owen@piper.eeel.nist.gov>

Subject: RE: Grid Leak Advise

In message Wed, 05 Nov 1997 12:35:40 -0700,

Walt Turansky <turansky@xroads.com> writes:

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Date: Thu, 6 Nov 1997 12:59:22 -0800 (PST)  
From: "Tom R. Rice" <tomrice@netcom.com>  
Subject: Re: Old Grid Leak Gag...

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One of the "apprentice" jokes of yesteryear  
was to send the kid out to the radio store  
to buy a drip pan for the grid leak, but I  
always thought it was just a gag!

73 de WB6BYH

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"Start off every day with a smile and get it over with." --W.C.Fields  
Tom R. Rice  
tomrice@netcom.com

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Date: Thu, 6 Nov 1997 19:05:39 -0500  
From: JMcAulay <jmc@qnet.com>  
Subject: RE: Grid Leak Advise

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Hi, all:

Don't know about the dish pan, but I've heard from many a source about  
salesmen back in the twenties who promoted "drip pans" for grid leaks.  
Helped to keep things from needing more frequent maintenance, don't you  
know? I suspect those peddlers were perhaps the same ones who made their  
living as itinerants who, for a fee, would charge your lightning rods.

73  
John

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Date: Fri, 07 Nov 1997 12:41:59 +0100

**From:** Jan Axing <janax@algonet.se>  
**Subject:** Link to tube data base

The URL to the "military" tube data base has changed again.  
Try <http://plato.ods.com:8080/cgi-bin/tube>

Jan, SM5GNN

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Date: Fri, 7 Nov 1997 08:49:55 -0600  
**From:** "Freeberg, Scott (STP)" <scott.freeberg@guidant.com>  
**Subject:** Regen Receiver in November?

Hi Glowbugs

if October was Regen Month, what happens if I want to build a regen in November.....

I had a nice BA QSO with Art WA5OES on 3.579 the other week. Art got to telling me about his regen receiver. By the time Art finished describing the receiver, I couldn't wait to build one. I dug out my C.F. Rocky Regen book and started reading it. I had only glanced through it before. Read it this time. Hmm, so that's what a "throttle capacitor" is.

Art then mailed me the design information on his receiver. Thanks Art! It's a 1934 Globe Trotter from an article by Dave Ingram Feb 1990 CQ. It uses two '30 tubes with a capacitor throttle, 45 volts dc.

Art mentioned that there were a few problems with the original article and some of the fellows on the list recommended some changes.

Why is the antenna trimmer variable capacitor value recommended to change from 100 pf to 3 pf? Does 3 pf really enough to tune the antenna. Maybe it was changed to reflect different number of turns on the grid coil. Three pf seems close to zero pf.

I would be interested to find out what other folks used for the coil turns for the different bands.

Thanks much,

Scott WA9WFA, St. Paul Minn

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